

Supplementary Table 1. Scope of Recommendations

Category	
Disease/condition(s)	Thyroid nodule
Guideline category	Diagnosis
	Evaluation
	Image guided tumor ablation
Clinical specialty	Thyroid specialists (radiology, internal medicine, surgery, nuclear medicine, cytopathology, family practice)
Guideline objective(s)	To evaluate appropriateness of initial radiological examinations and image-guided ablation for patients with thyroid nodules
Target population	Patients with thyroid nodules, patient-specific conditions, and issue of patient preferences that might influence choice of tests or therapies are considered
Diagnosis and interventions	Ultrasonography including color Doppler and elastography
	Computed tomography
	Fine needle aspiration
	Core needle biopsy
	Chemical ablation (i.e., ethanol)
Major outcomes considered	Thermal ablation (i.e., radiofrequency and laser)
	Utility of radiological examinations in differential diagnosis
	Volume reduction of thyroid nodules after ablation therapy